



## Robert Michael Cheli

September 8, 1967 - January 21, 2021

Pastor Robert “Bob” Michael Cheli age 53, of LaFayette, GA went home to be with his Lord and Savior Thursday – January 21, 2021. He was born in Fremont, California to the late Robert Frank and Joan Karen Brooks Cheli. He was a former resident of Vacaville, Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park and Grass Valley, California. He has been a resident of the LaFayette area for the past seventeen years. Bob enjoyed horse-back riding, playing softball, traveling, visiting theme parks, nature photography, watching movies and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a member of the local chapter of the Revelators Riders Club. Bob’s passion was serving and appreciating God’s creation. He served as the Family Care Pastor at Covenant Life Worship Center in Chickamauga for the past ten years. He recently became the Executive Director of Faces of Dreams International where he served as a missionary to Honduras. Bob loved The Lord and loved sharing Jesus with whomever he came in contact with on a daily basis. Bob is survived by his beloved wife of almost thirty-two years: Lisa Lou Ellen McKay Cheli of LaFayette, GA, son: Jonathan Robert (Laura) Cheli of Flintstone, GA, Cynthia Michelle (Travis) Morales of Summerville, GA, grandchildren: Hayden, Camryn and Canton Cheli all of LaFayette, GA, sisters: Debi Best of California, Kathi (Jeff) Pelton of Washington D.C., several nieces and nephews. Private funeral services will be held at the funeral home Thursday – January 28, 2021. A public graveside service will be held at 12 noon – Thursday – January 28, 2021 at LaFayette Cemetery. A celebration of life

service will be held at 7:00 pm – Thursday – January 28, 2021 at Be Love Company located at 2501 Pine Grove Road – Ringgold, Georgia 30736. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations be made to Mike Patton Ministries at [mpmonline.org](http://mpmonline.org) . Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes – LaFayette Chapel. Online guestbook at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## LaFayette City Cemetery

E. Villanow St.  
LaFayette, GA 30728  
(706) 639-1500

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ God knows how to send the right people in your lives at just the right time. My husband had just been diagnosed with cancer and I had posted on FB. Somehow Bob saw my post and reached out to us because he was going through the same thing. My husband called him and then we met virtually. He had such a wonderful positive outlook on life and he and his wife Lisa encouraged us. It was a breath of fresh air when you get news like this and then someone comes along going through the same thing and you see them doing great. It gives Hope. That is exactly what he and Lisa both did with us. They prayed for us and with us. He helped get us started on our journey at Cancer Treatment Centers of America. He knew exactly who to call. He made the process so easy for us. Anytime my husband would have a test of any kind, I would inform Bob and his famous words were always #Godsgotthis. We rejoiced with him and Lisa when the doctors finally said No evidence of disease and he was cancer free..We don't always understand why God would heal of one horrible disease and take him while dealing with another. We have to trust God's plan. Bob is definitely with his heavenly father. Bob, We will forever be grateful for your messages, encouraging words, and prayers for us and thankful that God allowed you to find us on facebook.  
Forever grateful.  
Mike and Rebecca Coleman

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Rebecca Coleman - January 27, 2021 at 01:53 AM

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“ *In our lives we all have people, who like stars in the night sky, seem to shine brighter than the rest. We don't know what it is about them, but just their mere existence lights up our world. Well Bob and Lisa Cheli are two such stars and on January 21, 2021 our world became a whole lot darker. Although I know that Bob is now basking in the light of God's glory, all of us left here on earth feel this tremendous void and it feels as if we have been left to wander in the dark... left with our questions, heartache and pain. Left asking why... God why? Although we know that God has a plan and we trust Him... We are still human and it's hard for us to understand.*

*Lisa, I am so sorry for your loss. Words cannot express the way that I feel. My heart breaks for you. I can't even imagine what you're going through right now... Losing your best friend and partner in this life. Please know that Steven, Liam and I are praying for you and your family. We love you so much.*



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**Crystal Chavers** - January 26, 2021 at 10:01 AM

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*This is exactly how they were every time I saw them - rays of sunshine.  
Shelia*

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**Shelia Eubank** - January 29, 2021 at 10:07 AM



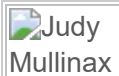
“ Sorry to hear about your going Home to the Lord Pastor Bob, you will greatly be missed. You have inspired me after attending your life group Diners, Drive Ins, and Dives to lead the same name group at my new church along with my wife. I have learned a Lot from you. I will be praying for your wife Lisa and your children and the rest of your family for healing and comfort.

*Matthew*



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**Matthew Gaudet** - January 23, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ Sympathies to Pastor Cheli’s family. We are so sorry for your loss!

*Billy and Judy Mullinax*

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**Judy Mullinax** - January 23, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ So many memories, Bible studies at his & Lisa’s house, camping with them at Sloppy Floyd, and helping Bob clean the church every week for a year. He was my mentor and friend. He taught me so much about life during those weekly work days cleaning the church. I will truly miss you.



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**Mindy Thompson** - January 23, 2021 at 07:31 PM

BG

*I would like to say how much Pastor Bob Cheli will be missed but there are no words adequate to describe what he meant to all of us at Covenant Life Worship Center. The gap he left is immeasurable and it seems impossible that anyone could fill his shoes. Bob always came in with a big smile. My husband had been in the hospital for a long time and when Christmas came around, Pastor Bob came bounding into his room carrying a fully decorated Christmas tree! Knowing him was to experience the joy of the Lord. We pray for Lisa and the rest of the family for the comfort that only can come from the Holy Spirit. Bob , you have arrived at your forever home and we will see you there soon!*

**Bo and Janice Griffin** - January 24, 2021 at 08:35 PM

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*“ I called him Dear PA for Pastor Awesome for two reasons: he used the word ‘awesome’ frequently, and because he was truly an awesome pastor and person! I loved him and Mrs. PA with all my heart. He is and will be missed but isn’t Heaven blessed.*

**Shelia Eubank** - January 23, 2021 at 07:18 PM

VF

*“ Vince and I will miss Bob.*



**vince and shelly fuller** - January 23, 2021 at 06:53 PM



*“ Gayle Presley lit a candle in memory of Robert Michael Cheli*



**Gayle Presley** - January 23, 2021 at 04:56 PM



*we had so many fun times , life sure won't be the same with out you !!!It was an honor to work with you in the food panty ect. so very thankful to know you and call you "my brother" my heart is shatter because you're not here ,but it's also rejoicing because you are with Jesus and love ones. will see you again one day. covering your sweet family in prayers thank-you for being my friend and brother. enjoy Heaven. I love you and your whole family.*

**Gayle Presley** - January 23, 2021 at 05:04 PM



*He is going to make Heaven a lot sweeter and definitely more excitement.Pastor Bob was always funny, happy and excited to help. He is an inspiration to many. See you again Pastor Bob.*

**Jill McBee** - January 23, 2021 at 05:49 PM



*Bob I enjoyed knowing you both when you came into my gift shop & on facebook. I loved your sense of humor & how whatever you did gave testimony to Jesus. What a great example you were to everyone. Lisa, you don't know me but I am so very sorry that you have to learn how to live without Bob in your life. I know there is a big hole in your heart & for that I am sorry.*

**Jan De Lacy** - January 24, 2021 at 01:12 PM



*“ We had so much fun during the EPIC events. This picture was taken in Kentucky. He loved Bob's Big Boy restaurants and we found one. Bob you'll be missed for sure!!! Thank you for your faithfulness and love of God. You have many jewels in your crown.*



**Gary Maggie Torrissi** - January 23, 2021 at 04:07 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**DeWayne Finley** - January 23, 2021 at 03:45 PM

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*Me and Kimberly Finley made a donation to Mike Patton ministries on behalf of and in memory of Bob Cheli.....*

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**DeWayne Finley** - January 24, 2021 at 02:16 PM

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“ *Bob performed my baprtism at Covenant Life Worship and it was one of the most sacred and happiest moment of my life. LP*



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**DeWayne Finley** - January 23, 2021 at 03:44 PM

DP

“ Bob was our friend, neighbor & fellow member of Crossroads Christian Church in Vacaville, California.

*I have many memories of Bob but narrowing it down to a couple here.*

*Church - we needed an emcee for our*

*Valentines Banquet so asked Bob to fill that role. He showed up in a tuxedo and did a great job, keeping us laughing all evening.*

*Neighbor - Bob took it upon himself to be the Neighborhood Block Leader. We worked together to plan great 4th of July picnics - including watermelon eating contests, face painting, bike parade for the kids, a police car visit, & more.*

*Friend - A limousine ride with 4 couples into the city for the night, his Christmas parties, his pet pig, selecting & receiving Jonathan & Cynthia.*

*No matter what, Bob always wanted people to have fun, feel loved and to know God loved them deeply. He was an encourager and a lifter of spirits and was used by God.*

*We will see you in Heaven, Bob. Love to Lisa, Johnston, Cynthia & Debi.*

*Lonnie & Deanna Pense*



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**Deanna Pense** - January 23, 2021 at 01:47 PM

LK

*I will truly miss you my brother! Bob was like no other...I'll always remember his beautiful voice and when he sang "specials" during our services at CCC, he always touched my heart in a very deep & meaningful way, as only he could! He was the life of the party keeping us laughing...I too remember him emceeding that Valentines banquet ♡ what a great time! I loved our talks, as he always left me feeling encouraged! I don't know exactly why, but 31 Flavors somehow goes hand in hand when I think of Bob! I am also so thankful for having a true servant's heart - no matter what was going on in his life, be it times of joy or trials...pain, he was always sharing the word of God and thereby taking the focus off of himself & instead giving God All of the glory ❤️ Bob definitely leaves a hole in this world that can never filled, but Praise the Lord for sharing him with us even though it was only for a short while for I know that the next time I see my friend, it will be for eternity! Hallelujah and Amen! Love you Bob, and my love & prayers go out for you Lisa ♡♡♡*

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**Laurie Kilts** - January 29, 2021 at 06:10 AM